

Fairbury, Ill., July 27, 1938.

County Clerk,

Springfield, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Writing as Local Investigator for the Federal Graves Registration Project #4043 working in conjunction with the Illinois Military and Naval Establishment which is making a final determined effort to establish and clear up the war records of all deceased veterans in Illinois cemeteries, I appeal to you to advise me whether you have any record of an Andrew J. Stevens (Stephens) dying in the Wabash Hospital in Springfield about October in 1894. He died of bloodpoisoning in his feet and was shipped to Forrest Illinois to be buried. No obituary appeared, therefore, in the Forrest Rambler and since he had no relatives hereabouts, I can get nothing about his civil war service. What we need is the exact death date and the outfit he served in in the war. If you can advise just when he died, we may perhaps be able to prevail upon some local paper which probably carried his obituary to look up their files and send us the information if contained therein, or the names of some relatives who should be able to tell us what we wish to know.

In any case please tell us when he died, whether the death certificate attests to war service, and the name of any relative and address and oblige,

Very truly yours,

J. P. Reis.

512 West Hickory St.,

Fairbury, Ill.

We regret to inform you that we find no record of this death.

Ray D. Stout, County Clerk.

THE WABASH EMPLOYES' HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
360 EAST GRAND AVENUE
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

W. E. GOLLINGS
SUPERINTENDENT

Sept. 4th, 1937

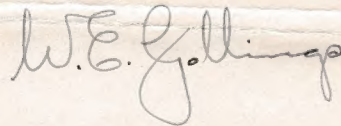
Mr. J. P. Reis,
Fairbury, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 31st, making inquiry as to whether our records show a patient who died sometime previous to 1899 named Stevens, who is buried in Forrest Cemetery and your information shows his name as A. Stevens or Andrew J. Stevens and the record being desired in connection with civil war records.

Wish to advise we have no record of any Stevens at the present time but it might be well to state that the present Wabash Hospital at Decatur was only built in 1904 and we do not have any records prior to that time. Prior to 1904 the Wabash employes were hospitalized at Springfield, Illinois and we do not have those records at the Decatur Hospital.

Yours very truly,



Superintendent.

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September 10, 1937.

Mr. J. P. Reis,
Fairbury, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of a letter dated September 7, which you apparently just mailed to Mr. J.C.Clark, Freight Agent in Springfield, which has been left to us for attention.

We advised you on September 4 that we do not have any information in our records concerning a man named Stevens either A. Stevens or Andrew J. Stevens and the only thing that we could suggest is that he might possibly have been in the Springfield, Illinois, Hospital. As the matter now stands there is no information we can give you or if it is possible that any one can state definitely if the man worked for the Wabash and where he worked previous to the time when he died which you state is sometime previous to 1899. I do not believe any present Wabash officer of Springfield could give you any more information without something much more definite to work on.

Yours very truly,

W.E. Gollings
Superintendent

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